



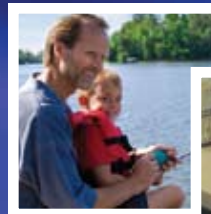
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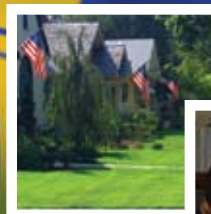
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# Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers.

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*The budget is a bipartisan compromise, receiving support from Democrats and Republicans alike. Sound fiscal principles remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:*

- No general tax increases.
- Maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- Uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

My colleagues and I outlined those standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding.

*Statewide public education receives what I believe is solid support:*

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The budget funds K-12 anticipated enrollment increases at growing public schools.
- The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.

I believe this budget is the best we can do for Indiana right now, given the economic turmoil we are presently in; that's why I voted for it.



*Rep. Hinkle honors the Ben Davis Lady Giants state championship basketball team*



*Rep. Hinkle going over the day's calendar with some pages.*

## Identity theft

Hoosiers now have more identity theft protection through the state's Identity Theft Unit, which will investigate complaints and assist victims. Identity theft was the top consumer complaint to the Federal Trade Commission in 2008. Please visit [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com) for more information.

## Self-Directed Care

People participating in the Medicaid waiver and CHOICE home care programs now have the option for self-directed care. They can receive assistance in moving from a nursing facility to a residential setting in their community. This law will benefit many Hoosiers who do not need around-the-clock care, but still need care on a limited basis.

## Helping at-risk students

The School Dropout Prevention Fund will help school officials both identify students at risk of dropping out and work with the students so they can earn their high school diplomas. More than 9,000 Hoosier students drop out of high school every year, severely limiting their chances for a successful adulthood.

## Residential mortgage lending

This law addresses abuses of the mortgage system that helped fuel the foreclosure crisis. It toughens the penalties for improperly influencing, through bribery, collusion or coercion, an appraiser to inflate the appraisal of a home. The state attorney general's office also has more authority to investigate real-estate transactions.



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